



Year 3 Autumn Curriculum Letter 2025

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Welcome to Year 3! We are delighted to have the children back and I would just like to say what a great impression the children have already made in their first weeks back at school. They have settled straight back into working hard and I am sure they will do very well and really enjoy being in KS2. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about the work your child will be doing this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures.

Reading

Please make sure your child is reading regularly at home. We suggest that they read for 15-20 minutes a night. We will remind the children to change their books when they come in first thing in the morning, but please also remind them if they seem to have had a book longer than is necessary. We have been reviewing our books so that your children are selecting a book they enjoy and are reading for pleasure.

God Matters

This term we will be learning about: Creation and new life; Our Lady; Catholic Social Teaching; Other Faiths; and Advent.

Literacy

Our writing this term will be focused on reinforcing the basics of grammar in order to write interesting and accurate sentences. This will also include capital letters, full stops and a big focus will be on joined, neat handwriting. We will also be using a range of texts to explore 'Talk for Writing' and drama this term and incorporating this into our literacy lessons to develop rich vocabulary and story writing skills.

Numeracy

Maths this term will include place value, column addition and subtraction, multiples of 10/100 and much more! During these units we will be developing mental strategies and written strategies to encourage independent problem solving skills. Times table focus in the Autumn term will be reinforcement of 2s, 5s, and 10s and will work on problem solving using these.

Times Tables

This year, there will be a big focus on times tables as the children start preparing for the national tests at the end of year 4. The children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of year 3. There will be weekly times tables tests in class. Please encourage your child to practise their tables regularly at home, including the inverse division facts.

Science

Our topics this term are 'Forces and Magnets' and 'Animals and Humans'.

ICT

We will be focusing on word processing and internet research skills.

Design and Technology / Art

As part of our Stone Age topic, we will be looking at cave painting techniques and for our DT unit, we will be making volcanoes as a link to our learning in Geography.

Humanities

In Geography, we will explore our 'Extreme Earth' by looking at what our planet is made of and how some of the physical features such as mountains and volcanoes are formed. We will also explore the effect on people and the land of an earthquake.

In the second part of the term, we will be historians. Children will be looking at what life was like for people living during the Stone Age/Iron Age period and making comparisons with our own lives. To support this, I hope to take the children to Hengistbury Head where the children will get a hands on look at what life in the Stone Age was like (more information to follow).

French

We will start learning French and the children very soon will be able to greet you and say goodbye. During this term, there will be a big focus on building their confidence in speaking a new and unfamiliar language. Our topic areas are: greetings, colours, numbers to 10, the calendar and seasonal celebrations.

Music

In music, children will be learning to compose Chinese music.

RSHE

Our focus for this term will be relationships. This will include dealing with their feelings, friendships, changing relationships and how we are all different.

PE/Games

In the Autumn term, our Indoor PE sessions will be replaced by our swimming lessons, which start on Monday 15th September. You will have received a letter about this. Outdoor PE (Football and Netball) will be taught on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure kit is available in school, labelled with your child's name and that pupils bring in a navy/black tracksuit when it gets colder.

Home-learning

Homework in Year 3 will be:

- *Daily reading* – Children will bring two books home (a levelled reading book and a library book they have chosen for pleasure) and a reading diary. Can you please fill this in when your child has read. We will check the diaries every Monday and record how many times children have read. Badges, certificates and rewards will be received for regular readers.
- *Weekly spelling practice* – We will learn spelling in class around a specific sound. I will be sending these words home for additional practice at home. A test will take place on Friday.
- *Maths / Times tables practice* – Each week, children will bring home a homework book with a maths worksheet in. Primarily, this will have a times table focus. At other times, it may link to the maths we have been doing in class that week to reinforce and support in school learning. There are lots of websites and off-line games that children can use too.

Water and Fruit

Children should have a bottle of water in school every day. In Year 3, children can bring in their own fruit snack for break time. Please remember we are a **nut free school**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope that the children enjoy their time in Year 3 and we look forward to contributing to their learning.

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